

World Geography

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Room- C459

Description:

World Geography will introduce students to different regions, cultures and past/present civilizations in the world. The course will show how the world is interlocked and how human civilization has changed over time. Students will understand how historical events can change a region, country or the entire world. The course will also describe how the environment plays a vital role in how people live, interact with each other and use resources. Throughout the course, students will learn how to properly read maps, graphs and learn the location of various countries in the world. At the end of the course, students will have a better understanding of the world and how it has many differences and similarities.

Wikispace:

Course Outline:

Marking Period 1:	Geography Handbook- Map and Graphing Skills Unit 1- Culture and Physical Geography (Chapter 1 & 2) Unit 2- North Africa and Southwest Asia: History (Chapter 3)
Marking Period 2:	Unit 2- North Africa and Southwest Asia: Today (Chapter 4) Unit 3- Asia (Chapters 5-8)
Marking Period 3:	Unit 4- Europe (Chapters 9-12) Unit 5- Russia (Chapters 13 & 14)
Marking Period 4:	Unit 6- Africa South of the Sahara (Chapters 15-17) Unit 7- The United States (Chapter 19) Unit 8- South America (Chapters 22 & 23) Unit 9- Australia (Chapter 24)

Grading:

- Exams
- Quizzes (Will be Announced)
- Homework
- Current Events
- Mapping Activities and Quizzes
- In-Class Assignments
- Group Assignments/Projects
- Exit Slips
- Participation

To figure out a grade on an assessment or for a marking period, you must take *the points earned by the student ÷ total amount of points*

For example, if a student earn an 80 out of 100 on an Exam. The student's grade would be an 80%.

Grading Scale:

93% - 100%	Excellent
86% - 92%	Above Average
77% - 85%	Average
70% - 76%	Passing
0% – 69%	Failing

What You Need for Class:

- Textbook (will be given to you by your teacher)
- Notebook (first notebook will be provided by teacher)
- Pen or Pencil
- Folder (to keep worksheets, activities and handouts organized)

Absent Policy

If a student is sick, that student will be responsible for asking Mr. DePiro for missed assignments. The students will then have **Five** days to complete and turn in all assignments missed during the absence. Students can ask Mr. DePiro for missed notes. If a student knows that they are going to be absent (for example a family vacation) the student may ask the teacher for assignments ahead of time. **It is the student's responsibility to ask for missed assignments.**

I have read and understand the syllabus for World Geography. I am fully aware of my responsibilities and how I will be graded.

Student Name (Please Print) _____ Period _____

Student Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian (Please Print) _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

How May I Reach You (Phone # and/or Email Address) _____

Best Time of Day to Reach You _____